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2022 Virginia Telecommunication Initiative VATI APPLICATION NOTICE

July 26, 2021

Tamarah Holmes, Ph.D Director Office of Broadband Department of Housing and Community Development 600 East Main Street, Ste 300 Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Dr. Holmes:

I am providing this VATI Application Notice to notify the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development that Bath County, in partnership with one of our incumbent (ILEC) providers- MGW Communications, Inc. may submit an application for FY2022 Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI) funding.

Bath County and MGW Communications, Inc. intend to submit an application that would achieve universal broadband coverage within MGW's regulated service area (ILEC boundary), as well as, provide broadband access to other projects areas outside of the ILEC boundary in an effort to move Bath County one step closer to universal broadband coverage. The project will include making fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) connections available to all eligible service locations that do not already have broadband access available. Bath County is also considering submitting a regional application with one or more of our neighboring counties.

Robert Huff will be our main point of contact for the purposes of the application process, and can be reached at: Office (540) 712-0300 extension 306 Cell (540) 448-3453 robert.huff@mgwnetworks.com

Bath County and MGW Communications, Inc. understand that this VATI Application Notice is required in order to submit an application for the 2022 the Virginia Telecommunication Initiative and that this notice is not binding on either entity.

Sincerely,

Ashton N. Harr son County Administrator